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fon, whiche is accutomed one tyme in the yere, to be besed with fener, Catatre,

or lyke lykenes, preventeth that tyme by expullyinge the matter; whiche moughte be occasion of suche moughte be occasion of suche by seales, and subject to teduce the bodye into suche temperature, and so to preserve hit, as the sappe matter shall not be augmented, whethy moughte ensue any detriment: Lyke mought ensue any detriment: Lyke mought to be bled, good Suster, of every taylonable creature, as well as samte the moose certappe sikes.

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PREFACE.

nes and finall dyllolucion of nature called corporall death, as al= so agapus all worldp becations and troubles, called the topes of fortune, or the crankes of the morlos: confroereng that of any of them neyther the tyme can be knowen, whan they hal happen, nor affared temedy may be founden for to repelle them, onely a pure and constante faythe ba: upnae thereo iopned wpsebome and pacience; may fullaine thep? affaultes, and frongive respste them was it is excellently des claved and taughte by the holy doctour and martyr laynete Cps prian, in a fermon which he made to the people of Affrica, where he was Bulhop, in the time whan there was continuall perfecution of paynyms, and also mortalitie 2011 bp

PREFACE. by generall pestilence. Whiche sermone whan I had ones posed in reopinge, I liked so well, that I delived that all other persones mought buderstande it . Remem= bypuge that many there be (whi= che Toubte not) areas negly= gente as Im considering those fondy calamities, not withstanopnige that they have beholven men and women of every affate, whiche have oped epther befoze that thep looked for death, or in some other wose than thep bous ched faulte, ozels foz laken of foz= tune haue lyued in pouettpe. Whetfore as welle for thepr in-Aruction as mone, howe we map bealway prepared agapust those naturall and worldly afflictions, I have traunslated this lyttell boke: not supersticiouselye folo-A.fit. wynge

PREFACE.

wonge the letter, whiche is bered Ipelegante, and therfoze the hara der to traffate into our langage. but keppinge the Centence and intent of the Butout I haue attemted (not with lyttell fludy) to reduce into english the right phase or forme of speaking, bled in this treatife, whiche I have dedpeate and Cente buto you for a token: that pe thall percepue, that I doo not forgete you: and that I doo bufapuedly loue you, not onelye forout allyaunce, but also moche moze foz pour perleuerance in ber tu & warkes of true faith, praping pou to communicate it with our two lusters religiouse Dozothe & Alianour, and to iopne in pour praiers to god for me, that I may be constante in his seruice, and performe well such other warkes spand

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as ben in my handes onely to his ? honour and glozp.

Thave added bereto a litel tre
tile, but wonderful fruitful, made
by the vertuouse a noble prince
Iohii Picus Etle of MicanduLa, who in abundace of lerning a
grace incomparablye excelled all
other in his tyme and sens.

The god were in all noble mens Chambers, and his
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in thep; loules and maners. Partyly fare pe wel. At london the first day of July, the pere of our lowe

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The fermon of holy sayncte Ct. prian, of mortalptie

frendes, all be it that manye of you, have pour myndes intier &

perfecte, the fapth stable, anothe soule devoute: not beinge meued with the hugenesse of this present mortalytie, but lyke to a pussant a stedfaste rocke rather do breake the troublous assaultes of this worlde, and the biolente floodes of this present tyme, the soule her selfe not beinge broken neouers come with any temptations, but onely proued. Pethelesse sor as moche as I do conspoerto be in the multitude dyners whiche epset be warkenes of courage, or by

by smalnes of faythe, oz by swetes nesse of the lpfe of this worlde, or by the delicatenes of they; kynde, oz (that whiche is a moze heupe thrnge) bernge decepued in the opinion of truthe, doo not stande faste ne let forth the dinine and in uincible might of their stomakes. I moughte no lenger dyssemble that matter, ne tetaine it in filcce, but that as fette forth as the mea nesse of my lernynge oz wytte moughte extende I wold declare the doctrone of Chaifte by a lermone concepued a lyfely expressed to the intent that the southe and bulnesse of delpcate myndes moughte be reformed. And also that he, whiche hathe all redpe professed to be the servaunte of Chaille, may hereafter be demed worthy of Christe, Atherto accepted

S. CIPRIAN. ted. Merely good frendes, he that fpghteth fo; god, & being in the celettial cape both hope on thyngis that be godlye, oughte to knowe well hom selfe, to the intente that in the tempeltes and stormes of this world, there be in bs no dred oz fearefulnelle, sense almyghtye god hath afoze warned, that luche thynges Gulde happen, Instructynge and teachynge bs bp his owne mouthe with a proupoente erhoztation, and therwith prepatringe and comfortringe the people of his churche to the paciente lufferaunce of thynges to come, wherin he prophected and declated buto be, that bataile, famine, erthquakes, and petitlence chulde arpse in sondape contrapes and places. And to the intente that no sodapne breade, of feare of Com 23,11, ffrange.

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Araunge thynges anopenge bs, moulde in anywyse oppzesse oza bathe bs, he tolde bs befoze, that towarde the ende of the worlde, aduetlities and troubles chulde moze and moze be increaled. Pow beholde, all that whiche he spake of hath happened, and is come a monge bs. And fith that is now happened, whiche was before spoken of, there shall also nowe ensue all that whiche was prompfed, our lozde hom felfe promysping and saying: what time pe thatt fee all thefe thyinges come to palle, than be you fuce that the kyngedome of heuen is at hande. The tringedome of he uen good frendes beginneth now to approche. The remarde of life, and the comforte of helthe euerlastynge, parpetuall-gladneste, and

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S. CIPRIAN and the possession of Paradyse, 7 whiche befoze we hadde loft, now the worlde passynge awaye, be come at hande:euen nowe after thyinges erthelpe do succede that whiche is heuenlye, after smalle thynges, great thynges and precious: after thynges transptozy, thonges eternall oz euerlastonge. 200hat tyme is it nowe to be sad: D; who amonge these troubles wpl be timozus oz sozowfull: but onely he in whome lacketh booth fapth and hope: fothe onely feareth death, whiche wyll not go bn to Christe, and he whiche wel not go buto Chailte, is he whiche do= eth not beleue, that he nowe be= grnneth to rargne with Chipfte. Ro. L It is writen, The full man liveth by fayth: If thou be a tuste man, thou lyuest by fayth. If thou be= 23.tit.

to Christe, and beinge sure of his prompte, why doeste not thou tunne and imbrace Christe nowe thou arte called: Why doest not thou thou thanke god and retopce, that thou arte out of the diutiles

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The tuste man Symeon, who berelye was a good and a tuste man, and kepte the commaunder mentes of god fulle of faythe whan aunswere was made but o hym from aimyghty god, that he shulde not doe butyl he had sense Christe: whan Chryste beynge a babe came with his mother into the Temple, he in spirite knews, that Christe was nowe borne, of whose commynge he was before warned. And whan he behelde hym, he knews that he hym selfe, shulde

S. CIPRIAN Mulde Chosely after departe from & this worlde: wherfore beinge top. full of death that approched, and beinge luce of his soone sendinge foz, he toke the bleffed babe in his armes, and with praples & thankes buto god, he sapde with a lowde bopce, Nowe good lozde Luc, 23 thou wpite lycence thy servante to departe from this mostall lyfe in peace accorognige to the worde that thou sendest me. for nowe mpne epen haue beholde the pro= utston of remedyethat thou haste prepared in the spatte of all peo= ple. As who layth proupnge and witnestpage also, that then peace was comme to the servantes of god: and that than was a pelible quietnesse, whan we being byawen oute of the stormes of this worlde delyre to come to the has 23.ttit. nen

nen of perpetuall furetpe, and allto whan deathe beinge from bs excluded, we atteine to immortalitie oz life enerlasting. That is our peace, that is our fure tranquilli= te, that is our ftedfaft, our frame, a perpetual suretie. furthermoze what els do we in this world: but fight against the deupll daplpe in bataple, and agapust his wappon and ozdinaunce make reliftence with contynuall conflictes. we Arrue dayly with auatice, with lechery, with wrathe, with Ambicion. we have a buly a papnefull wrastlynge, with carnall byces and worldipe delectations. The mpnde of man is belyged, and all aboute compassed and assaulted with synne, and hardly is mat= ched on al partes, and may bneth reliste and defende hym frome

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Enmice of man.

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SCPIRIAN all. For if he ouerthrowe Anasa rice, than sterteth oppe lecherpe: If lechety be oppressed, ambicion commeth in het place: althoughe ambition be neglected, yet wrath well exasperate, Prive inflatith. dzunkennesse allureth, enup bze= keth concoide, and by the same is frendshpp distoluted. Thou arte constrapned to curse, whiche the lawe of god doothe prohibite: Thouarte compelled to Cweare, whiche is bulefull. These per= secutions the mende daplee do= eth suffer, with these manpe perils thy stomake is bered: And pet doeste thou delpte to tarpe longe here amonge the swordes of people malpcious, whan rather thou Chuldest couapte and desire (dethe lettpinge the forwarde)to halte the towarde Christe, he sayenge Ioan, 16. **Soltoni** 25.6.

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berely, ye hall boothe wepe and wayle, but the worlde hall retoice and be merp: pe hall be heup and so sowefulle, but your heupnesse halbe to methe into myrthe. Nowe who woll not make haste to come where he hall be merp: who will not wolle to lacke alwaye heup nesse: But at what tyme our so to be hall be to meth, our lope hym selfe declareth, sapeng: A hall se you againe, a your hare tes that retoyce, and that gladness that no man take from you.

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worlde: And not rather to make "all spedy delygence to come to the topes, whiche maye never be taken from the: This doth happen dere frendes because that faythe lacketh: for no man doeth beleve that suche thynges shall come, whiche almyghty god, who ever is trewe, bath all redy prompsed, whose worde is eternall, and to they m that beleve, alwaye sure and constant.

The an honorable man and of greatte grauttie dyd prompse the any thynge, thou woldest truste him, and woldest not thynke to be decepted of hym, whome thou knowest to be as well in worde as in dede substancial and stedfaste. But nowe all myghty god talkith with the in his scripture, and thou as false and disloyall doeste

full and waverynge. God hath promised to the whan thou shale beparte from this world, immortalitie and lyfe everlastynge.

And pet not withstandpage thou boubteft: that is as moche to fap, as thou knoweste not god. And also thou wyllyngipe offendest Chailte the mapster of all thepm that beleue, with the Conne of incredulitte oz lacke of beleue, and that thou beinge constitute and admitted in to the church of god. hafte not faythe in the house of fayth. How moche the departing frome this worlde thall be to the profite, Christe him felfe master of our profete and helthe dothe de= clare, where he layth to his disci= ples, whiche forowed by cause he toldethem that he wolde depart.

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S. GIPRIAN.

If pe loued me, pe wolde relopce, 10.14 for as moche as I goo to my father. Therby teachinge and declaringe buto bs, that whan thep whome we doo moofle fauour oz loue, doo departe oute of this worlde, we shulde rather be glad than forpe. whiche thynge the blessed appostole remembapage Capth in his Epistole: 989 liuing Pha. 4. is Christe, & death is to me gapne and auauntage. Accomptinge the grettelle gapne not to betan= gled in the fnates of this worlde, not to be subjecte to spnne of carnall vices: And beinge deliuered from troublous verations, and from the benemouse teeth of the diuell, to departe (Christe callinge bs)to the tope of helthe cuerla-Apnge,

But there be some men, whiche be greued

greued for as moche as this trous ble bereth bs, equalipe as mos che as the infedels, As it were that a chaisten man beleueth, to that intente onely, that he wolde be free from the touche of al grefe and disease, and intop this worlde prosperousely. Some be offenbed for as moche as mortalite is to be with other in commune. What thenge, I pray you, have not we with other in commune, as longe as this commune cat= nalytie remayneth accordynge to the ordinaunce of our frite natiuttie: As longe as we be here in this world, we be topned together with al man kynde in equalpty of fleshelp substace: but in spicite we be separate. Therfoze butyll this cozruptible matter be with incozcuption indupd, and this mortall fub

S. CIPRIAN substance do recepue immortalis tie, and this spirite doo bipnge bs buto god our father, what so euer incommodities do belong to this carnall bodye, they be to be with mankynde in commune. for lyke as whan with colde blaftes (whi= che do cause the batennesse) the erthe is (as it were) fallinge and withoute foode, hungre voethe ercepte no man. And whan act= tie is wonne with enemyes, by captinitie all thynge is wasted. And whan fayze wether restrays nethe Chowers, hit is but one drowth buto all men, and whan a Chyppe is all to tent on a rocke. the wrecke is comune to al them, whiche be in it: Also the papne of the epen, biolence of feuers, and diffealis of all other membres be to be with all other in commune,

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as longe as this commune bodge is borne aboute in the worlde. Moze ouera chypsten man beleuinge by any lawe or condicton. lette hym knowe and remember that he must travaill more in this worlde than anye other, for as moche as it partagneth to him to braftle with the drugl, with great ter respstence. And that to bo he ts warned and taughte by holye scripture, sayenge: App sonne whiche gold to the service of god, fonde falle in tuffice and breade, and prepare thy foule to recepue temptatio. Ind in an other place. Suffre both in grefe and in feate, and have pacience in thine humilyte, for as well golde as silver be erged with fyre. In this wyle Job, after the loffe of his goo: des, and deathe of his chylogen, beinge

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beinge tozmented with painefull 3 loges and bytynge of wormes, was not vanquished, but onelye pioned: who in his papies and afflictions, declaringe the pacts ence of his devout minde, laid as foloweth: Natied I came from tob.1, the wombe of my mother, and naked I hal retoine to the erthe, our loide gaue it to me, and our lowe hath taken it from me, as to oute loide it best femeth, fo is hit happened: bleffed be the name of ourloide. And whan his wyfe wolde haue perswaded him, that as if he were by the violence of paper out of pactence, he Moulde with a grudginge and disday: nouse vopce speake some thinge agaynste almyghty god, he aun= fweeed buto her and fapd: Thou spekiste like one of the lewde or folythe

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folithe women. If we have recepued goodes of the handes of our lozde, why thall not we than fuffre enilles paciently. In all those thinges whiche happed to Jod, he never offended with his hippes in glight of our lozd. Ind therfoze our lozde doeth witnesse thus of hym saying to Sathan: Haste thou taken good heede of my servaunte Jod, there is none in the worlde lyke to him: A manne without grutchinge, the berpe trewe worthyppar of god almostly.

Tallo Tobp after his honourasble warkes, and the manyfolde and famous commendacions of his deedes of mercy, he was firisken with blyndnesse, and notwith standpage he decading and blessenge almostly god in al aduer

lities,

S. CIPRIAN. lities, finally by that bodilpe dei 14 triment he increaced to parpe= tual prayle: nat withstandinge that his wife, willinge to abute him, tempted hym, in this wyle fapinge: wher ben thy warkes of marcie become ? Lo nowe Tob.2. what thou suffrest. But Thobis as beinge constante and stedfast. and also armed with trewe faith. wherby he suffred veracions and grefes, pelved not to the tempta= tion of his fraple wife, but moche rather with greatter pacience des served the favour of god. And therfore he was afterwarde of Raphael the aungel commended. who saybe to him these wordes. To publysshe and confesse the warkes of almyghtpe god hit is honozable. Foz whan thou and Sare thy sonnes wyfe played =3012 C.tt.

I offered the remembraunce of pour prater in the presence of the clerenette of almightpe god, fens thou hafte burred them, whiche died openly, and hath not fozbozn to tyle and leue thy dynar, and gone thy waye and burged the beeb:] am fente to proue the.

And in an other place the same angell sayth: God hath sente me to heale the and Sara thy fones wife, 3 am Raphaell one of the feuen angelles, whiche be prefent and conversaunte befoze the cleer-

nelle of god almightpe.

This maner of luffcraunce is alwaye in good men. This leston the holpe apostoles kepte accoze ding to goddes commaundment, not to murmoure in aduersitie, but what so ever hapneth in this worlde, to take it paciently, con= spoe=

S.CIPRIAN. lyderynge that the Jewes offended by murmourynge often ty= mes agapuste god; as our lozde him selfe wytnessethe in the booke named Aumery, lapenge : Lette Nu,2 % them leave they? murmourpage, and they hall not dye. Trewely deere bzetherne we oughte not to murmour oggrudge in ad= uerlyties, but to luffer Arongly and paciently all that thall haps pen buto bs, fens it is writen: The spirite that is troubled is a Plal.so. sacrifice to god. forthe harte which is contrite a made humble, god neuerdispiseth. Also the holy goste by Moyses in the booke of Deutromy warnith the sainge: Thy lorde god hall bere the, and Deut.8 sende to the scarsite: And than it Chall be knowen in thy harte, if thou halte kepe well his com= C.iii. maunde=

mandmentes of no. And agapne! pour lozde god tempteth you, that he may knowe if ye do love your lozd god with all your hart a with all pour soule. for so was god pleased with Abzaham, who to plese god neyther fered to lose his Conne, noz pet refused to fle hym. Butthou what so ever thou arte, that maile not suffre the losse of thp fon taken from the, eptherby the lawe, or by chaunce of morta= Iptie: What woldeste thou do, if thou were comanded to fle him? The feare of god a faithe Mulde make the redpe to sustayne all thynge. Admitte that thou halle loffe of thy goodes, or that thou be cruelly vered with syknesse of thy membres continuallye: 03 that thou be despoiled by the deth of thy wyfe, thy children, or thy most

Gen,22;

S. CIPRIAN. moofte beere frendes and come panions. Let not these be to the any displeasures, but rather bataple agapnste wozlolpe askectis ons, ne let theym not breake oz make wayker the fayth of Chaift, but rather lette theym declare in that debate the bettue of puisance: fens al biolence of puelles, which be presente are to be had in contempte bpon truste of good thinges, whiche shall happen hereafter. Foz excepte warre go befoze, there mape be no bictozp. But whan after bataple iopned there ensuethe victorye, than to the bapnquishours is given the garlande. Semblablpe in a tempelt a good malter is knowen, & the foudiour in bataile is proued. Bolting out of perill is pleasant, but relittence in advertitie is the

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Diverlitte is, that they in advertil. tte boo grutche and complapne. And by Christen people aouerste tie map not calle a wap from the truthe of bertue and faithe : bue both cozrobozat oz Arenght bs in the grefe, that we suffre . That the bealp resolued with flures expulsethe by the bowelles bodilpe Arength: 03 that the superfluous heat ingendeed in the marowe of our bones, inflameth out by blpsters in our chekes: that our bo welles be chaken with continuall bompttes: that with abundance of bloudde our epen do burne in oure heedes : that some mennes fete and other membres putrified be cutte of o; totted : that by loffe of membres or other harme taken bp siknes either our goingets fe= bled, 02 our heringe is stoppid, 03 eus

SCIPRIAN. our lighte is perished, all this's profiteth to the doctrine of farth. And to telyste withe the powars of an immouable mynde agapult to many affaultes of opstruction and dethe. what valyantenesse of coutage is hit, ye and what hos nour to fande bolte bpzpghte as monge the tupnes of man kinde, and not to lie profirat with them, whiche hope not in godewe therfoze muste rather retopce, & take in good worth the rewarde of the tyme: that whyle we do constant= ly declare our fapth, a by sustay= nynge of labour doo approche buto Christe: by Christes straite passage, we may recepue by his subgemente the rewarde of lyfe, whiche fapth doth require. Lette him hardyly feare, that not being regenerate by water and the holy gooffe

gofte, is committed to the terrible fters of hel: Let him feare that is rekened no partener of the crosse a passion of Chieft: Lethim also feare which from this carnal beth. thal passe to the second deth: a let him feare, home ones beparted out of this world, everlasting frze Chal tozment with paines continu al: finally let him be a ferd, buto whom by longe tarieng here this onething auaileth, that his tozme tes & wailinges be in the meane tyme put of or differred . Manye of our numbre do die in this moz= talptie, that is as who fayth, mas mp of our numbre be oute of this worlde delivered. Forsoth this mortalite like wife as to the Je= wes and papnims hit is a peltilence : soo to the seruantes of god bit is a holfome departynge. alleen

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SOCIPRIAN 300 hat if good men without any 19 druerlitte doo dre with the puell men : there is no cause, that pe Moulde therfore thinke that beth is commune to good men with them that be pll. for good men be called to tope: the puell men be drawen into paine, so suettie to them that beleue well, and papie to miscreauntis the soner doothe happen. Merily good brethern we be bucuttaile and neglygent has uynge regarde to goddes beneft= tes: ne we doo tecognise what is offered buto bs . Beholde howe birgins be departid faulfe and in peace, withe their glozpe and prayle, not featinge the thretnin= ges. cozeuptions, noz bozdel hou= les of Antichilt, who is now com mpnge. Childzen are elkaped the peryll of they? Appper aege, and

and have atterned happily to the rewarde of innocencie and pure continence. The delicate matrone nowe fearith no tozmentes, sence with spedy beth the hath preuens ted the feare of perfecution, and the handes and tozmentes of crus ell trantes . Nove ouer by feare of moztalytie and troubles of this tyme, they whiche were late colde in faythe, be nowe chaufed and warme: they whiche were rempse or louse, be knitte together and made substancial: they that were cowardes, be quickned in cozage. The forfakers of their farthe be compelled to retourne: The paps nems constrayned to beleue: The olde faithfull people be called to quiete: Ind a freshe and greatte boofte of them, whiche becamme fouldiours of Chill in the tyme of

S. CIPRIAN of moztalitie, is allembled with a moze puisance to fyght withoute brede, whe the battailes is iopned. mohatathyng is this good frendes, how conveniente and necestarp is this pestilence and mozaine, which sempng to be monstruouse and hozeible, trieth out the goods nesse of divers men, and examt= neth the mindes of all men that ts to say whether the hole men do apde them that be speke: If kpns men be kinde one to an other: 36 the maisters do pitie their fraile & weke secuauntes: If phisicions Do not abandon their pacientes: Af they which be cruell wol with= drawe they? violence. If the op= pressours and robbers (at the lest for feare of deathe) well allwage the infactable appetite of furts oule auaryce: It prowde menne wyl

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well Coupe, of buthipftes auale they lewed courage. If they that be tyche and Chall dre withoute heires of their bodges, well any thyinge distribute amonige they? neop nepghboures. And sucrely althoughe this mortalytye were to nothinge els profitable, pet in this it hath benne advantage to christen men, and them whiche be goddes feruauntes, that in lernyngenot to feare deathe, we the moze wyllyngely despre martyz= dome. This to bs is no death, but an exercise, whiche bipngeth to the mynde renoume of baly= ante courage, and by dispyspinge of deathe prepareth to receive the garlande of byctozy. But parchaunce some man wyl teply and fape: pet not withstandinge this greueth me in this present mortas lytte

S. CIPRIAN.

litie, that where I had prepared mp felfe to confesse mp fapthe; and hadde disposed me with all mp hole hatte and full powerto the sufferaunce of passion, nowe prevented by deathe I am distapoputed of martitodine.

If yell to be a martyzitis not in thine owne power, but in goodes wyll and election . De thou maps est not save, that thou haste loste that thynge, whiche thou knowest not, whether thou were ever worthy to have it . Doze over, god the ferther of hartes, and bes holde and tuge of secret thoughtes, doeth fee the, and dothe commende and allowe the. And he whiche percepueth to be in the bettue prepared, for the bettue that pelde bnto the a sufficiente re warde, Supposest thou, hadde Caine

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Capne flapne his bzother Abell at what tyme he offred the factyfice buto almighty god ? wel and pet god beinge ware of his purs pole condemned the murder con= cepued in the mynde, whiche Capne dyd afterwarde execute: So like as in Capne a malicious thoughte and a mischeuous imagination was afoze feene by goddes prouidence, lyke wple in the servantes of god, whiche confes= lynge fayth in they? thoughtes, and in their intentes concepupng martirdome, their soules be= inge gruen to that good purpole, be crowned of god their judge, whiche knoweth all thinge. It is not one thyinge to lacke a well to be martired, and to lacke mar= tribome to a good will. Suche as god fyndeth the to be whan he calleth

S. CIPRIAN. calleth the, so dothe he sudgethe, accozdynge as he hym selfe witnesseth sapenge: And all congre- Apoc, z. gacions Chall knowe that I am the serchour of mans harte and his repnes. Poz god loketh foz pour bloude, but for pour fayth . Foz nepther Abzaham noz Flaac no; Jacob were flapne. And pet not with standinge they deserted to be honoured for their faythe and Justice: and to be the chefe of all patriarches; buto whose feaste is called every man that is founde faythefull, fuste, and com= mendable. We muste remembre to doo not as we our felfe well. but accordinge to goddis well .-And so god commaundethe bseuery dape to prape. Howe ouers thwarte and peruerle a thing is tt that where we delyre that the wpl D.II. OF

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of god bedoone whan he calleth and sendethe for vs oute of this worlde, we do not furth with obey his commaundement a pleasure, but agapaste that we murmoure and stryue, and be broughtelyke frowarde servauntes with heure and sower countenaunce to our marsters presence: departrage hease with the bonde of necessitie, not with a willrage obedyence: and pet will we be honoured with heusly rewardes of him, but o whome we come not willing lp, but by constrapate onely.

wherfore than do we aske and befire, that the kingedome of heten may come but o be, if worldty captivitie so moche both delyte be wherfore do we aske and de spe in our prayers so often rehersed, that the tyme of the repgue,

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whiche in promised chalde come speoply, if our despress and wishes to serve the dynall are more to be sette by then to raygne with our sautour?

I Sidoje over for the playner de= claration of goddes prombence, and that our loide, whiche afore feeth all thynges to come, will apue to bs countaple concerning oure very helth, it happened late, that one of our companye and a preeste, being atternted with fiknesse, and lokinge for death, whf the approched, despred leaue to departe: as he was prayinge and in popute of deathe, there stoode hard by him a goodly yonge man of an honozable pozte and maie stie, hyghe of stature and fayze, whome the lyghte of man mought bneth beholde with carnall even **lauige** D.tit.

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faupngethat he whiche was departynge out of the worlde with even moze spiritual mought loke one suche one, and the same person lo apperpng, not without indig= nation, as well in countenaunce as speche, groudchinglye spake in this wife: pe feare to suffre, and pe wyll not go forthe, what Chall I doo to your whiche was the speaking of one that blamed and also exhorted: who allowed not them, whiche for the trine present wher carefull of perfecution, and pet suce of their departinge, but gaue counsagle for the tyme com: ming. Our said brother herde, whe he was openge, what he Choulde tel bnto other. forhe herde whan he Goulde dye, that whiche he Mulde reporte buto other, and he berde not for him felfe but for bs. f02

S. CIPRIAN Foz what Gulde he lerne, whiche was than in departyng: In deve he lerned foz bs, whiche remap= ned, to the intent that in heringe the preeste of god blamed, whi= the asked his erghtes, we shulve knowe what was to al menne ex-

pedpente.

Moz ouer to bs of alother molt symple, howe often hath it benne thewed by reuelacion e howe son= die tymes haue I ben playnelpe commaunded of the goodnes of god, that I chulde alway affirme and openly preache, that out bres therne delpuered from this world by the callinge of god, Moulde not be bewayled and fozowed foz, fens I knewe well that they were not lofte but fent onely befoze bs, and to departynge preceded: Ind therfore as men being in tournay D.titt.

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S. CIPRIAN. chydeth, and blameth suche as be beup or sozowfull for the beathe of their frendes: we will not (farth he (good bietherne, that pe shulde be ignozante in that whi= che concerneth them that do slepe in naturall deathe, to the intente pe spulce not be fozowfal, like as they be, which are without hope. If we beleue that Jesu Chaiste dped and roofe agapne afterwarde: In lyke wyle god almigh= ty shall finally bringe with him those that slepte in Christe. Also he saythe, that they whiche doo lacke hope, be hear whan they? frendes do departe. But we wht the lyne in hope, and belene in god, a do verely trust that Chist suffred for bs, and dyd eftsones tyle. we I say, whiche owelle in Chaiste, and do arise by hym Magogina 四.6. and

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and in him, why refuse we to des parte benfe : 03 waple and lament for thepm that be goone : Christe hym selfe our god warneth bs, sayenge: Jam the resurrection and lpfe, bethat beleueth in me, although that he diethe, he chall tyue: and all that lyuethe, and bes leueth in me, hal neuer die. If we beleue Christe, lette bs haue faith in his wordes and promifes, and we thall never ope. Let be come therfoze with a fure gladnesse bn= to Christe, with whome we shall liue and rapgne euer. foz by that, that we ope, we passe from death to immortalyty: in as moche as lpfe euerlasting may not succede, without departinge from hense. All be it, it is no clere departing, but rather a passage, & chaunge of this lyfe for the lyfe eternal, the tempozall

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S CIPRIAN. tempozall tournap perfourmed. who wyll not her hym from the warfe to the better ? who will not couapte to be reformed and chaunged to the figure of Chill? oz wyll not destre to come shoztly to the opgnitie celestiall grace? Paule the apostell pzeachpuge : Phil.s. our abydynge (sayth he) is in he= uen, fro whens we abyo the com= mynge of Christe Jesu, who shall transforme our symple bodge in semblable figure to the bodge of his clerenes. And Chaift our load promised, that we shall be suche whan he praped to his father, that we mought be with him, and lyue with him in eternall places, and be topfull and mery in the kynge= Dome of heuen, sapenge: father Ioan.17. I wyll that suche as thou hast gi= uen to me, that they be with me where

where so ever I be, and that thep se the clerenesse that thou gaueste to me before that the worlde was create. Wherfore he that intens beth to come to the place, where Christe is, to the brightnes of the Realmes celestyalle, oughte not warle of lament, but accordinge to the hope, whiche he hath in the promple of god, and trulle that he hath in trouthe, be topfull and gladde in his departynge of trank lacion from hence: foz as moche as we rede, that Enoch was translated of taken oute of this worlde, by caufe he pleafed god, as holy scripture witnesseth in the booke of Genesis, in this wple: Enoch pleased god, and was not afterwarde founden, for god translated him from hense. That thing wherwith he pleased in the spatt

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lyghte of god, was that he veter ned to be taken from the perpiles of this presente worlde. More ouer the holpe goste teacheth by Salamon, that thep, with whom sap. 4; god is pleased, bethe sonertaken a way a delivered from hense, lest if they hulde abyde lenger, they Coulde be polluted with worldly infections. Therfore Enoch was capte and taken a way fodainly, leste sensualle appetite Moulde corrupte his bnderstandynge. fozhis soule was buto god plea= spinge, and therfoze he hastened to bringe him out of the moddes of iniquitie. Semblably in the pfal- Pral. 83. mes the devout foule hafteth fpedelpe towarde her god, with a spngular faith, as it is writen: D thou god of bertues and puil= sance, how wonderfull delectable

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be thine habitations, mp soule des sputh and habit to come to the palapees. Netely he onely thuld have wil to abyde in this worlde, whom the worlde delyteth, whom flaterynge and deceptfull tyme inuiteth with bapne delectatisons of worldly pleasures. Nowe sens the worlde hatith a true christen man, why doeste thou loue that thinge, wherof thou art has ted: a followest not rather Christ, who hathe redemed the and also loueth the.

I. Ioan. 2

Saynte John in his Epistole speaketh and cryeth but to bs, expositing bs not to love this world in following our appetites: Love not the worlde (saythe he) ne the thinges whiche be in it. For who so ever loveth the worlde, the chatitie of the father of heven is not

S. CIPRIAN in him: sens all that is in the worlde is inordinate appetite of the flethe, inozdinate appetite of the epen, and desite of worldipe honour, whiche do not procede of our father, but of worldly appes tite. And pet the worlde and his vapne appetite Chall waniches= way, but he whiche chall fulfyll the pleasure of god, shall abyde euerlastinge, lyke as god is euer eternall. Therfoze good frendes let bs alway be bounde and redp to parforme all thinge that god willeth with a parfecte mpnde, a faithe stable and constante, with vertue pussante and stronge, all feare of deathe btteripe excluded, and onelpe thinkinge on the immoztalptie, whiche immediatelpe folowethe. Let vs declare, that to be the thinge that we do beleue

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in: and not lament the departing of them, whome we do fauour. And whan the dape of our fen= ding for Malapproche, let bs willynglyeand withoute anye fic= kinge, come buto god whan he calleth, whiche sens it oughte to be done of them, whiche be the feruauntes of god, moch tather nowe the worlde becayenge, and in popute to falle, and also com= passed with tempestes of enilles contynually assaultingett. Also we parceque that great myschiefe is all tedpe begonne, and we knowe that moche gretter is cont mpnge: Let bs reken the grettest aduantage to departe Chortelpe from hense, whiche shal be foz our speciall commoditie. If the wal= les in thy house shulde shake for age, and the roufe hulo trymble, and

S. CIPRIAN. and all the hole house werpe of tockpuge of the beames and taltets, Quide thrette to fall Chortige in tuine, woldest thou not departe thenle in all the hafte pollible: 3E whan thou act on the fee, the wawes beinge dypuen bppe with a Autope wynde, a troublous and Rozmp tempelte wolde warne the that the Opp were in daunger of losinge: wolveste thou not make haste to come to some hauen: Lo beholde the worlde rockith, and is now in fallynge: and declarith his imminent cupne not foz age of feblenes of thynges, but onely for that his ende nowe approcheth:and pet thou thankelt not god, not doeste not reiopce in thy felfe, that beynge taken away with a moze reop, and (as. I mought sap) a moze riper depat-234 tynge,

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trnge, thou maplie escape the tupnes, wieckes, and plages, whi che nowe thou seeste commpnge. we must confeder good frendes, and often tymes thynke, that we have renounced this worlde, and that we owell here but as prigris mps and gestes. Therfoze lette vimbrace toyfully the day whiche doeth appopute euery man to his habytation, and delpuerpinge bs hence, escaped from the mates of this worlde, restoreth by buto Paradile, and the kyngedome of heuen. who beynge I praye pou, in a farre tomage, well not make haafte to retozne home to his countrage? who bepinge on the fee fapling homewarde, wolve not delyre to have a prosperouse wynde, that he maye the fooner salute and imbrace his good fren des

S. CIPRIAN. bes . Lette bs accompte Para 30 dele to be our very countrap. Foz there haue wethe bleffed Pattiarches oute berpe auncetours. 300 hp make we not hafte, pe why boo not we sunne a pale to fee out tountrape, that we may falute oure good Auncetours & There boothe abyde and looke for bsa greate numbre of our deere frendes, out Auncetours, out fathers and mothers, our bretherne and chilozen. A plentuouse and great multitude, whiche nowe be sure of they; immortalytie, and pet do care for out suretie, Do Defire to have be in they? company, Co come to beholde a imbiace them, lorde god what a tope and com= forte shall it be bothe to them and to bs: what an incomparable etlectation of the heuenlee Reges E.ti.

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ous, without feate to dpe, a with affured eternitie to lpue euer: D with howe perfecte and eternall felpeptie- There is the molle glo: crouse quiere of the bletted apos Roles: There is the college of the gladde prophettes: There is peaple innumerable of holy martyrs adourned with crownes of victor ep for their beratios a fondip pas sion:there be the teder a pure bis gens triumphynge, whiche with contynence of foule and body, byb subdue the pullaunce of carnall appetites: There be they whiche beinge mercyfulle in giupnge lu-Appaunce to the nedy personnes, opd therby fulfyll the watkes of Justice: There also be thep, whis che obserupage bilpgentelpe the commaundementes of god, bpd transpole worldly possessios buto the . .

the heuenly treasure. To those let be heuenly treasure. To those let be here be a peace good frendes, that we map Mortly be with the, lette be despre feruently to come but Christe. That thought let god almyghty see in be: That instent of our mynde and fayth, lette our lord Christe percepue, and beholde, sens but the, them whiche towarde hym haue most affection, his goodnes will grue his rewardes mooste abundance and plentuouse. Imen.

The tules of a Chistian lyfe made by John Picus the els der Etle of Mirandula.



Irlt, if to man or woman the way of bettue dothe seme harde or papnefull, by cause E.tti. we THERVLES

we must enedes fratte agapuste the fleshe, the divell, at the worlde, lette hom or her calle to remembraunce, that what so ever lyfe thep woll chose according to the world, many adversities incommodities, moche heupnes and labour are to be suffred

Those over lette them have in remembraunce, that in welth and worldly possessions is moche and longe contention, laboriouse all so, and ther with unfrutefulle, wherin transple is the concluspon or ende of labour, and spanally payme everlastynge, if those thonges be not well ordered and charitably disposed.

Remembre also, that it is best proliftenes to thy nke to come but to bene by any other meane than by the sayde bataple, considering

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that our hed and mapster Chiste Luc. 24
Did not ascende buto heven but
by his passion: And the servaunt 1020.13.
Oughte not to be in better astate
03 condition than his mapster of
souerapne.

furthermoze conspoer that this bataile ought not to be grudged at, but to be desired a withed fozall though thereof no price or rea warde mought ensueoz happen, but onely that therby we mought be conformed or topned to Christe our god and martier. Wherfore as often as in relittinge any tem= ptation thou dovell withstande any of thy sences of wittes, think buto what parte of Chaiftes palli on thou mayste applye the selfe 02 make thy felfe lyke: As resi= Ainge gloteny, whiles thou doest punythe thy tast or appetite: re-11a menn

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membre that Christe recepued in his dypuke, apfelle mprte with the gall of a beafte, a dunke moste busauerp and lothesome. Whan thou withdraweste the hande from bnlefull takinge og kepinge of any thonge, whichelis keth thone appetite: remembre Chailes handes as they were falt napled buto the tree of the croffe. And relitting of pape, thenke on him, who being very god almigh to, for the lake received the forme of a subjecte, and humbled hom felfe bato the moofte bile and reprochefull deathe of the croffe. And whan thou art tempted with

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Mat. 27. wrathe: Remembre that he, whis the was god, and of all men the most taste or right wpfe, whan he behelve hom fel fe mocked, fpie on, scourged, and punished with 2.2.67

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SCIPRIAN. alle dispites and rebukes, and lette on the croffe amonge errant theues, as if he hom felfe were a falle harlot, he not withstandpng thewed neuer token of indignacion, or that he were greued, but luf fering al thinges with wonderful pacience, auns wered all men most gentilly. In this wife, if thou peruse all thinges one after an other, thou mapl finde, that there is no passion oz trouble, that thall not make the in some parte conforma ble og like buto Chaffe.

Talso putte not thy truste in mannes helpe, but in the onelpe vertue of Chailte Jelu, whiche Ioan. 16. sapde: Cruste well, foz I haue baynquishto the worlde. And in an other place he sapthe: The loan.13. prince of this worlde is caste oute therof. Wherfoze let be trufte by

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THERVLES his onely bertue, to bayinguishe the worlde, and to subdue the diuell. Ind therfore oughte we to aske his helpe by the prapers of bs and of his famctes.

Remembre also, that as soone as thou halt banquished one tem tation, alway an other is to be loked for: The divell goeth almape aboute and feketh for bym whome he wolde denoure. wher fore we ought to ferue dylpgently and be euer in feare, and to lape with the prophete: I well stande alway at my defence.

Take beed moze ouer, that not onelye thou be not bayingut= thed of the dpuell, that temptith the, but also that thou banquishe and ouercome him. And that is not onelye whan thou doeste no spn, but also when of that thruge

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2, Pet. 5.

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whetin he tempted the, thou takest occasion for to do good. Is if he offrith to the some good act to be done to the intent that therby thou may see fall in to bayneglosty: furth with thou thinkinge it, not to be thy deede or warke, but the benefitte or rewarde of god, humble thou thy selfe, and sudge the to be bukynde buto god in tespecte of his manifolde benefites.

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As often as thou doest fyghte, fyght as in hope to Sanquishe, & to have atte the laste perpetualle peace. For that parauenture god of his abundant grace that grue buto the, and the divell beynge confusio of thy byctory, thall retorne no more agapne. But yet whan thou haste baynquishid, beare thy selfe so as if thou tholedes.

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dest kighte agapne Coerly. Thus alwaye in battaple, thou muste chinke on bictopp: and after bic= topp, thou mult prepare the to bataile immediatelp.

Mall though thou felest the selfe well armed and redy, pet flee, not withstandpinge, all occaspons to fpnne. for as the wife man fapth: who louethe perplie, Chall therin

perpshe.

In all temptations resplie the begynnpnge, and beate the Chil. bren of Babiion againe the ftone, whiche ftone is Chaifte, and the chplozen, be puell thoughtes and imaginations. for in longe contynuinge of fynne, seldome watketh any medpepne og temedp.

Remembre, that althoughe in the lapoe conflicte of temptation the battaple seemeth to be berre

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baungeroule: pet conspoer howe moche sweter it is to banquishe temptation, than to folowe sinne, whereof the ende is repentance. And here in many be foule decepted, whische compare not the swetnesse of spane, but onely compared battaple to pleasure. Not withstandinge a man or woman, whiche hathe a thousande times knowen what it is to grue place to temptation, shulde ones assaye, what it is to banquishe temptation.

The thou be tempted, thenke thou not therfore that god hathe forlaken the, or that he letteth but lettell by the, or that thou art not in the leght of god, good or persecte: but remembre, that after lagnete Paule hadde leene god,

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as he was in his diminitie, and suche secrete misterpes as be not lefull for any man to speake of te= herce, he for all that suffred temp tation of the flethe, wher with god suffred hom to be tempted, lest he Moulde be allaulted with pmoe. mherin a man ought to consider, that faynt Paule, whiche was the pure bellell of election, and tapte 2, Cor. 2. in to the thyroe heuen, was not withstandpnde in perplie to be proude of his bertues, as he faith of hym felf. Whetfore aboue all temptations manne oz woman oughte to arme theym moofte Attongipe agapuste the temptation of pape, sens pape is the cote of all myschyfe, agaynste the whiche the onelpe temedpe to thenke alway that god humbled bym felfe for bs unto the croffe. And

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Ind more over that beth hath so humbled by whether we wall or no, that our bodyes shall be the meate of wormes tothesome and be my mouse.

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